

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (original) Xylitol-producing *Candida tropicalis* CJ-FID(KCTC10457BP).
2. (currently amended) An alginate bead prepared by a method comprising adding the *Candida tropicalis* CJ-FID(KCTC10457BP) to an aqueous alginic acid solution with stirring to obtain a uniform solution and dripping the uniform solution to a calcium salt.
3. (original) A method for producing xylitol, comprising:
preparing a xylitol-producing fermentation medium containing xylose and sucrose;
inoculating the alginate bead of claim 2 onto the fermentation medium; and
fermenting the fermentation medium in a fermenter.
4. (original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:
purifying with an activated charcoal column of a xylitol-containing fermentation culture produced by the fermentation;
purifying with an anion column of a xylitol solution produced the purification with the activated charcoal column; and
preparing a xylitol powder from a xylitol solution produced by the purification with an anion column.